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INJUNCTION AGAINST JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE

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1. SOV DECISION TO COMMUTE SENTENCES IN LENINGRAD TRIALS TAKEN SOME OF URGENCY OUT OF NEED TO ACT AGAINST JDL. WE URGE THAT A POLICY DETERMINATION BE MADE NOW TO SEEK INJUNCTION AGAINST THEM.

2. WE WISH TO STRESS THAT JDL'S VIOLENT ATTACKS AGAINST SOV ESTABLISHMENTS WERE A MAJOR PROBLEM BEFORE LENINGRAD TRIALS BECAME A PUBLIC ISSUE. AND BEAM HAS ALREADY POINTED OUT (MOSCOW 7630) THAT OUR ALLEGED CONNIVANCE WITH ANTI-SOV PROVOCATIONS HAS BECOME A MAJOR IRRITANT IN US-SOV RELATIONS. JDL ATTACKS ARE ALSO AN OBSTACLE TO WORKING WITH SOVS HERE AT UN AND COMBINED WITH JDL ATTACKS ON ARAB MISSIONS CAUSES ACUTE PROBLEMS FOR US POSITION AS HOST COUNTRY TO UN.

3. ALTHOUGH LENINGRAD SENTENCES HAVE BEEN REDUCED, PUBLICITY TRIAL HAS RECEIVED HAS MADE ISSUE OF JEWISH EMIGRATION FROM USSR MUCH MORE SENSITIVE. WE BELIEVE JDL WILL BE MORE ACTIVE IN MONTHS TO COME TH/7 IT WAS BEFORE TRIALS WHEN THEIR ACTIVITIES ALREADY REPRESENTED A THREAT TO US-USSR RELATIONS. THIS WILL BE ESPECIALLY TRUE IF SOVS DECIDE TO GO AHEAD WITH OTHER TRIALS.

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SOV JEWS.

4. MILITANT TACTICS OF JDL HAVE BEEN ATTACKED BY ALL RESPONSIBLE JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS HERE. CONSEQUENTLY, WE BELIEVE USG ACTION AGAINST THEM WOULD NOT GIVE RISE TO MUCH POLITICAL CONTROVERSY IN NY.

5. DEPT MAY WISH TO DISCUSS BOTH LEGAL AND POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF AN INJUNCTION WITH JUSTICE GOLDBERG WHO WE UNDERSTAND WILL BE IN WASHINGTON FOR NEXT SEVERAL DAYS. GP-4. FINGER.

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